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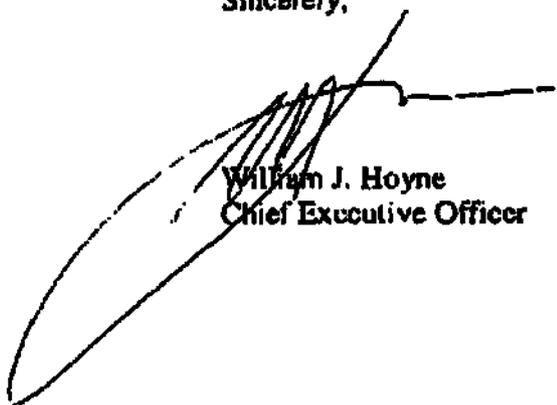
*Comment to
AOR 2003-22*

Reference: AOR 2003-22

Dear Mr. Norton:

I am writing to voice my support for the Advisory Opinion Request recently filed by the American Bankers Association. I fully support the AOR and urge the FEC to confirm that executives of corporate members are permitted to collect and forward contributions for trade association political action committees.

Sincerely,



William J. Hoyne
Chief Executive Officer

cc: PaBPAC Board

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